

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

In re:	X	
	:	Chapter 11
SEARS HOLDINGS CORPORATION, <i>et al.</i>,	:	Case No. 18-23538 (RDD)
Debtors.¹	:	(Jointly Administered)
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**SUMMARY SHEET TO THE FINAL FEE APPLICATION OF ALVAREZ & MARSAL
NORTH AMERICA, LLC FOR COMPENSATION EARNED AND EXPENSES
INCURRED FOR THE PERIOD FROM OCTOBER 1, 2019 THROUGH AND
INCLUDING JUNE 30, 2020**

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General Information

Name of Applicant:	Alvarez & Marsal North America, LLC
Authorized to Provide Professional Services to:	Debtors and Debtors in Possession
Date of Retention:	November 13, 2018 <i>nunc pro tunc</i> to October 15, 2018
Prior Applications:	First Interim Fee Application ECF No. 3205 Second Interim Fee Application ECF No. 4828 Third Interim Fee Application ECF No. 6183
Period for which compensation and reimbursement is sought:	October 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 (the “ <u>Fee Period</u> ”)

Summary of Fees and Expenses Sought for the Fee Period

Amount of Fees Sought as Actual, Reasonable, and Necessary for the Fee Period:	\$23,890.00
Amount of Expense Reimbursement Sought as Actual, Reasonable, and Necessary for the Fee Period:	\$38.46
Total Fees and Expense Reimbursement Requested for the Fee Period:	\$23,928.46

Total Fees and Expenses Allowed Pursuant to Prior Applications

Total Allowed Fees Paid to Date:	\$4,062,757.00
Total Allowed Expenses Paid to Date:	\$ 25,821.71
Total Allowed Fees and Expenses Paid to Date:	\$4,088,578.71

Total Fees and Expenses Paid to Applicant Pursuant to Monthly Statements

Fees Sought for this Fee Period Already Paid Pursuant to Monthly Fee Statements but Not Yet Allowed (80% of fees):	\$0
Expenses Sought for this Fee Period Already Paid Pursuant to Monthly Fee Statements but Not Yet Allowed (100% of expenses):	\$0
Total Fees and Expenses Sought for this Fee Period Already Paid Pursuant to Monthly Fee Statements but Not Yet Allowed:	\$0
Total Fees and Expenses Sought for this Fee Period Not Yet Paid:	\$23,928.46

Summary of Rates and Other Related Information for this Fee Period

Blended Rate in this Application for All Time Keepers	\$ 632.01
Number of Timekeepers Included in this Application:	7
Number of Timekeepers Billing Fewer than 15 Hours to the Case During the Fee Period	7
Increase in Rates Since Date of Retention:	In accordance with A&M's billing policy, billing rates for five individuals on this fee application were subject to change in calendar year 2019.

This is an: monthly interim X final application.

SUMMARY OF PRIOR MONTHLY FEE STATEMENTS

Date Filed (Docket No.)	Period Covered	Total Compensation & Expenses Incurred For Period Covered		Total Amount Previously Requested with Monthly Fee Statements		Total Amount Paid to Date		Holdback Fees Requested (20%)
		Fees	Expenses	Fees (80%)	Expenses (100%)	Fees	Expenses	
July 22, 2020 (Docket No. 8322)	Oct. 1 – Jun. 30, 2020	23,890.00	\$38.46	\$19,112.00	\$38.46	-	-	\$4,778.00
Total		23,890.00	\$38.46	\$19,112.00	\$38.46	-	-	\$4,778.00

**SUMMARY OF TOTAL FEES BY PROFESSIONAL FOR ALVAREZ & MARSAL
NORTH AMERICA, LLC**

October 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020

Professional Name	Position	Hours	Rate	Fees (\$)
Dennis Stogsdill	Managing Director	1.3	1,025	1,332.50
Karen Engstrom	Managing Director	13.5	800	10,800.00
Edward McDonough	Managing Director	1.9	800	1,520.00
Rachel Mimms	Director	5	550	2,750.00
Jonah Galaz	Director	2.5	625	1,562.50
Jonathan Bain	Associate	7.8	425	3,315.00
Jordan Kravette	Associate	5.8	450	2,610.00
Total		37.8		23,890.00

SUMMARY OF TOTAL FEES BY TASK CATEGORY

October 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020

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Total		37.8	23,890.00

SUMMARY OF EXPENSES BY TASK CATEGORY

October 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020

Expense Category	Amount (\$)
Phone / Internet	38.46
Total	\$38.46

Annexed hereto are the following Exhibits in support A&M's Final Fee Statement:

- Exhibit A – Certification of Dennis Stogsdill
- Exhibit B – Summary of Time Detail by Task
- Exhibit C – Summary of Time Detail by Professional
- Exhibit D – Summary of Time Detail by Task by Professional
- Exhibit E – Time Detail by Activity by Professional
- Exhibit F – Summary of Expense Detail by Category
- Exhibit G – Expense Detail by Category

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**FINAL APPLICATION OF ALVAREZ AND MARSAL NORTH AMERICA, LLC AS
FINANCIAL ADVISORS FOR THE DEBTORS, FOR ALLOWANCE OF
COMPENSATION FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RENDERED AND
REIMBURSEMENT OF ACTUAL AND NECESSARY EXPENSES INCURRED FROM
OCTOBER 1, 2019 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2020**

TO THE HONORABLE ROBERT DRAIN
UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE

Alvarez & Marsal North America, LLC (“A&M” or the “Firm”), for its second application, pursuant to section 330(a) and 331 of title 11, United States Code (the “Bankruptcy Code”), Rule 2016 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedures (the “Bankruptcy Rules”), and Rule 2016-1 of the Local Bankruptcy Rules for the Southern District of New York (the “Local Rules”), for final

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allowance of compensation for professional services performed by A&M as financial advisors for Sears Holdings Corporation, and certain of its affiliates, as debtors and debtors in possession (the “Debtors”), for the period commencing October 1, 2019 through and including June 30, 2020 (the “Compensation Period”), and for reimbursement of its actual and necessary expenses incurred during the Compensation Period, respectfully represents:

Preliminary Statement

1. A&M is proud to serve as financial advisors in these chapter 11 cases before the United States Bankruptcy Court of the Southern District of New York (the “Court”). During the Compensation Period, A&M provided invaluable advisory services to the restructuring sub-committee (the “Restructuring Sub-Committee”) of the restructuring committee (“the Restructuring Committee”) of the Company’s board of directors (the “Board of Directors”). Further, A&M assisted the Restructuring Sub-Committee and the Debtors’ counsel acting at the direction of the Restructuring Sub-Committee, Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP (“Paul, Weiss”), in its investigation of prepetition related party transactions and the evaluation of any viable causes of action with respect to such transactions.

2. A&M’s efforts to advise and assist the Debtors in all facets of these cases during the Compensation Period were necessary and of substantial benefit to the administration of the chapter 11 estates. The professional services performed and expenses incurred were actual and necessary to preserve and protect the value of the Debtors’ estates for the benefit of all parties in interest. In light of the nature of these cases, A&M’s charges for professional services performed and expenses incurred are reasonable under the applicable standards. A&M respectfully requests that the Court grant this application and allow final compensation for professional services performed and reimbursement for expenses as requested.

3. On November 16, 2018, this Court entered the *Order Authorizing Procedures for Interim Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses of Professionals* [Docket No. 796] (the “Interim Compensation Order”). The Interim Compensation Order provides that when seeking compensation for services rendered, professionals must submit monthly fee statements to certain notice parties. Each person receiving a statement has fifteen (15) days after its receipt to review and object to such monthly fee statements. If no objection is made, the Debtors are authorized to pay 80% of the fees requested (with the remaining 20% of the fees requested referred to herein as the “Holdback”) and 100% of the charges and disbursements requested. A&M has submitted a monthly fee statement covering each of the months covered by the Fee Period. Pursuant to this application, A&M is currently seeking allowance and payment of 100% of the fees and expenses as the fees and expenses in this Compensation Period have not yet been paid.

4. This application has been prepared in accordance with the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules, the Local Rules, the Interim Compensation Order, the *Amended Guidelines for Fees and Disbursements for Professionals in Southern District of New York Bankruptcy Cases pursuant to General Order M-447* (Jan. 29, 2013) (the “Local Guidelines”), and the *U.S. Trustee Guidelines for Reviewing Applications for Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses Filed under 11 U.S.C. § 330* (the “UST Guidelines,” and, together with the Local Guidelines, the “Fee Guidelines”).

Jurisdiction

5. This Court has jurisdiction to consider this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334. This is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b). Venue is proper before this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409.

Background

6. On October 15, 2018 (the “Petition Date”), and continuing thereafter, the Debtors commenced with this Court a voluntary case under chapter 11 of title 11 of the Bankruptcy Code. The Debtors are authorized to continue to operate their businesses and manage their properties as debtors in possession pursuant to sections 1107(a) and 1108 of the Bankruptcy Code. These chapter 11 cases are being jointly administered for procedural purposes only pursuant to Rule 1015(b) of the Bankruptcy Rules.

7. Information regarding the Debtors’ business, capital structure, and the circumstances leading to the commencement of these chapter 11 cases is set forth in the *Declaration of Robert A. Riecker Pursuant to Rule 1007-2 of Local Bankruptcy Rules for Southern District of New York* [Docket No. 3] (the “Riecker Declaration”)³.

The Debtors’ Retention of A&M

8. By order, dated November 13, 2018 (the “Retention Order”) [Docket No. 694], the Court approved the Debtors’ application to employ A&M (the “Retention Application”) [Docket No. 423] as the Debtors’ financial advisors *nunc pro tunc* to the Petition Date, to render services acting solely at the direction of the Restructuring Sub-Committee in these chapter 11 cases. The Retention Order authorizes the Debtors to compensate and reimburse A&M in accordance with the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules, and the Fee Guidelines. The Retention Order also authorizes the Debtors to compensate A&M at its customary hourly rates for services rendered and to reimburse A&M for its actual and necessary expenses incurred, subject to application to this court.

³ Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein have the meanings ascribed to them in the Riecker Declaration.

Summary of Professional Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses Requested

9. A&M seeks allowance of compensation for professional services performed during the Compensation Period in the amount of \$23,890.00 and for reimbursement of expenses incurred in connection with the rendition of such services in the amount of \$38.46. During the Compensation Period, A&M professionals expended a total of 37.8 hours in connection with the necessary services performed.

10. There is no agreement or understanding between A&M and any other person, other than members of the Firm, for the sharing of compensation to be received for services rendered in these cases. During the Compensation Period, A&M received no payment or promises of payment from any source for services rendered or to be rendered in any capacity whatsoever in connection with the matters covered by this application (other than the Debtors in accordance with the Interim Compensation Order). Since the Petition Date, A&M has been paid \$4,062,757.00 in fees and \$25,834.41 in expenses pursuant to monthly fee statements.

11. The fees charged by A&M in this case are billed in accordance with A&M's existing billing rates and procedures. The fees charged by A&M in these chapter 11 cases were generally charged at the same same rates A&M charges for professional services rendered in comparable bankruptcy and non-bankruptcy related matters. Such fees are reasonable based on the customary compensation charged by comparably skilled practitioners in comparable bankruptcy and non-bankruptcy cases in a competitive national restructuring market.

12. A&M regularly reviews its invoices to ensure that the Debtors are only billed for actual and necessary services.

13. Attached hereto as **Exhibit A** is a certification regarding compliance with the Fee Guidelines.

14. Attached hereto as **Exhibit B** is a summary of services performed by A&M during the Compensation Period broken down by task category, the aggregate number of hours for each category and the compensation incurred for each category.

15. Attached hereto as **Exhibit C** is a summary schedule of A&M professionals who have performed services for the Debtors during the Compensation Period, the capacities in which each individual is employed by A&M, the hourly rate charged by A&M for services performed by such individuals, and the aggregate number of hours expended in this matter and fees billed thereof. Also attached as **Exhibit D** is a summary schedule of time incurred by staff by task during the Compensation Period.

16. Attached hereto as **Exhibit E** is A&M's detailed daily time records itemized by task category for the Compensation Period using project categories hereinafter described. A&M maintains computerized records of the time spent by A&M professionals in connection with the prosecution of these chapter 11 cases. Copies of these computerized records (subject to redaction) have been filed on the docket with A&M's monthly fee statements, furnished to the Debtors, the Court, the fee examiner, counsel for the Creditors' Committee and the U.S. Trustee in the format specified by the Fee Guidelines.

17. Attached hereto as **Exhibit F** is a summary schedule of expenses incurred by A&M for the Compensation Period by expense category. Also attached hereto as **Exhibit G** is the itemized expense items which A&M is seeking reimbursement and the total amount for each such expense category. Itemized schedules of all such expenses have been filed on the docket with A&M's monthly fee statements, provided to the Debtors, the Court, counsel for the Creditors' Committee, and the U.S. Trustee.

18. A&M reserves the right to request additional compensation for the Compensation

Period to the extent that time or disbursement charges for services rendered or disbursements incurred related to the Compensation Period.

Summary of Services by A&M During the Compensation Period

19. As described above, during the Compensation Period, A&M rendered a substantial amount of professional services to the Debtors in order to efficiently and economically assist with the administration of the Debtors' chapter 11 cases.

20. The following is a summary of the significant professional services rendered by A&M during the Compensation Period, organized in accordance with A&M's internal system of project or task codes.

A. Fee Applications

Fees: \$3,430.00; Total Hours: 6.6

This category includes time spent preparing monthly, interim, and final fee statements in accordance with the Fee Guidelines.

B. Investigation

Fees: \$20,460.00; Total Hours: 31.2

This category includes time spent on tasks related to the independent investigation of prepetition related party transactions on behalf of the Restructuring Sub-Committee. In particular, this includes time spent reviewing the financial condition of the Debtors at the time of various asset transfers and sales, and calculating the Debtors' historical performance.

Actual and Necessary Disbursement by A&M

21. A&M has incurred a total of \$38.46 in expenses in providing professional services on behalf of the Debtors during the Compensation Period. These expenses are reasonable and necessary and were essential to communicating with Debtors other advisors.

The Requested Compensation Should be Allowed

22. Section 331 of the Bankruptcy Code provides for interim compensation of professionals and incorporates the substantive standards of section 330 to govern the Court's award of such compensation. 11 U.S.C. § 331. Section 330 provides that a Court may award a professional employed under section 327 of the Bankruptcy Code "reasonable compensation for actual, necessary services rendered [and] reimbursement for actual, necessary expenses." 11 U.S.C. § 330(a)(1). Section 330 also sets forth the criteria for the award of such compensation and reimbursement:

In determining the amount of reasonable compensation to be awarded . . . the court shall consider the nature, extent, and the value of such services, taking into account all relevant factors, including—

- (a) the time spent on such services;
- (b) the rates charged for such services;
- (c) whether the services were necessary to the administration of, or beneficial at the time at which the service was rendered toward the completion of, a case under this title;
- (d) whether the services were performed within a reasonable amount of time commensurate with the complexity, importance, and nature of the problem, issue, or task addressed;
- (e) with respect to a professional person, whether the person is board certified or otherwise has demonstrated skill and experience in the bankruptcy field; and
- (f) whether the compensation is reasonable based on the customary compensation charged by comparably skilled practitioners in cases other than cases under this title.

Id § 330(a)(3).

23. In the instant case, A&M submits that the services for which it seeks compensation and the expenditures for which it seeks reimbursement in this application were necessary for and

beneficial to the preservation and maximization of value of all stakeholders. The compensation requested herein is reasonable in light of the nature, extent, and value of such services to the Debtors, their estates, and all parties in interest.

24. Compensation for the foregoing services as requested is commensurate with the complexity, importance, and nature of the problems, issues, and tasks involved. The professional services were performed expediently and efficiently.

25. In sum, the services rendered by A&M were necessary and beneficial to the Debtors' estates and were consistently performed in a timely manner commensurate with the complexity, importance, and nature of the issues involved. Accordingly, approval of the compensation for professional services and reimbursement of expenses sought herein is warranted.

Notice

26. Notice of this Motion shall be given by hand or overnight delivery or email where available upon (i) Sears Holdings Corporation, 3333 Beverly Road, Hoffman Estates, Illinois 60179, Attention: Rob Riecker (email: Rob.Riecker@searshc.com) and Luke Valentino (email: Luke.Valentino@searshc.com); (ii) counsel to the Debtors, Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP, 767 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10153, Attention: Ray C. Schrock (email: ray.schrock@weil.com), Jacqueline Marcus (email: jacqueline.marcus@weil.com), Garrett A. Fail (email: garrett.fail@weil.com), and Sunny Singh (email: sunny.singh@weil.com); (iii) William K. Harrington, the United States Trustee, U.S. Federal Office Building, 201 Varick Street, Suite 1006, New York, NY 10014, Attention: Paul Schwartzberg (e-mail: paul.schwartzberg@usdoj.gov) and Richard Morrissey (e-mail: richard.morrissey@usdoj.gov); (iv) Paul E. Harner, Ballard Spahr LLP, the independent fee examiner, 1675 Broadway 19th Floor, New York, NY 10019 (email: harnerp@ballardspahr.com) (v) counsel to the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors, Akin

Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP, One Bryant Park, New York, New York, 10036, Attention: Philip C. Dublin (email: pdublin@akingump.com), Ira Dizengoff (email: idizengoff@akingump.com), and Sara Lynne Brauner (email: sbrauner@akingump.com); and (vi) counsel to Bank of America, N.A., Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP, 4 Times Square, New York, NY 10036, Attention: Paul D. Leake (email: paul.leake@skadden.com), Shana A. Elberg (email: shana.elberg@skadden.com) and George R. Howard (email: george.howard@skadden.com) (collectively, the “Notice Parties”).

Conclusion

27. A&M respectfully requests that the Court (i) award final allowance of A&M’s compensation for professional services rendered during the Compensation Period in the amount of \$23,928.46 consisting of \$23,890.00 in fees incurred and \$38.46 in actual and necessary expenses incurred during the Compensation Period, and that such allowance be without prejudice to A&M’s right to seek additional compensation for services performed and expenses incurred during the Compensation Period, which were not processed at the time of this application, (ii) direct payment by the Debtors for the difference between the amounts allowed and any amounts previously paid by the Debtors pursuant to the Interim Compensation Order, and (iii) grant such other and relief as is just.

Dated: July 22, 2020
New York, New York

/s/ Dennis Stogsdill

Dennis Stogsdill
Managing Director
Alvarez & Marsal North America, LLC

Exhibit A

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**CERTIFICATION OF DENNIS STOGSDILL IN SUPPORT OF THE FINAL FEE
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COMPENSATION EARNED AND EXPENSES INCURRED FOR THE PERIOD FROM
OCTOBER 1, 2019 THROUGH AND INCLUDING JUNE 30, 2020**

I, Dennis Stogsdill, hereby certify that:

1. I am a Managing Director with the applicant firm, Alvarez & Marsal NorthAmerica, (“A&M”), with responsibility for the chapter 11 cases of Sears Holdings Corporation and certain of its affiliates, as debtors and debtors in possession (the “Debtors”), and compliance with the *Order Authorizing Procedures for Interim Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses of Professionals* [Docket No. 796] (the “Interim Compensation Order”), the *Amended Guidelines*

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1. Pursuant to section B(1) of the Local Guidelines, I certify that:

- a. I have read the Application;
- b. to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief formed after reasonable inquiry, the fee and disbursements sought fall within the Local Guidelines;
- c. the fee and disbursements sought are billed at rates in accordance with those customarily charged by A&M and generally accepted by A&M clients; and
- d. in providing a reimbursable service, A&M does not make a profit on that service, whether the service is performed by A&M in-house or through a third party.

2. Pursuant to section B(2) of the Local Guidelines, I certify that A&M has previously provided monthly statements of A&M’s fees and disbursements by filing and serving monthly statements in accordance with the Interim Compensation Order.

3. Pursuant to section B(3) of the Local Guidelines, I certify that A&M has provided the U.S. Trustee and the Debtors with a statement of A&M’s fees and expenses incurred during the Fee Period.

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Dated: July 22, 2020
New York, New York

/s/ Dennis Stogsdill

Dennis Stogsdill
Managing Director
Alvarez & Marsal North America, LLC

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Exhibit C

Summary of Time Detail by Professional October 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020

Professional Name	Position	Hours	Rate	Fees
<i>Restructuring</i>				
Dennis Stogsdill	Managing Director	1.3	\$1,025	\$1,332.50
Jonah Galaz	Director	2.5	\$625	1,562.50
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<i>Disputes & Investigations</i>				
Karen Engstrom	Managing Director	13.5	\$800	10,800.00
Edward McDonough	Managing Director	1.9	\$800	1,520.00
Rachel Mimms	Director	5	\$550	2,750.00
		20.4		15,070.00
Total Professional Hours & Fees		37.8		\$23,890.00

Exhibit D

Summary of Time Detail by Professional October 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020

Fee Applications: Prepare monthly fee statements, interim and final fee applications in accordance with court guidelines.

Professional Name	Position	Hours	Rate	Fees
Jordan Kravette	Associate	5.8	\$450	2,610.00
Dennis Stogsdill	Managing Director	0.8	\$1,025	\$820.00

Investigation: Independent investigation on behalf of the Restructuring Subcommittee regarding the financial condition of the Debtors at the time of various asset transfer/sales and financings.

Professional Name	Position	Hours	Rate	Fees
Dennis Stogsdill	Managing Director	.5	\$1,025	\$512.50
Jonathan Bain	Associate	7.8	\$425	3,315.00
Karen Engstrom	Managing Director	13.5	\$800	10,800.00
Edward McDonough	Managing Director	1.9	\$800	1,520.00
Jonah Galaz	Director	2.5	\$625	1,562.50
Rachel Mimms	Director	5	\$550	2,750.00

Exhibit E

Summary of Time Detail by Activity by Professional
October 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020

Fee Application

Name	Date	Matter Code	Duration	Description
Jordan Kravette	12/8/2019	FEE	1.0	Prepare Third Interim Fee Application
Jordan Kravette	12/9/2019	FEE	0.8	Prepare Third Interim Fee Application
Jordan Kravette	12/10/2019	FEE	0.5	Review and finalize Third Interim Fee Application
Dennis Stogsdill	2/12/2020	FEE	0.7	Review correspondence from examiner and analyze fee applications; call with debtor counsel and internal team
Jordan Kravette	2/12/2020	FEE	1.0	Review preliminary feedback from Fee Examiner
Dennis Stogsdill	2/13/2020	FEE	0.1	Emails and calls into examiner
Jordan Kravette	6/17/2020	FEE	2.5	Prepare final fee application covering October 2019 - June 2020

Investigation

Name	Date	Matter Code	Duration	Description
Edward McDonough	10/11/2019	INV	0.3	Respond to request from counsel
Karen Engstrom	10/14/2019	INV	0.7	Review charts for updated complaint
Karen Engstrom	10/14/2019	INV	0.2	Participate in teleconference regarding updated complaint (A&M, Paul Weiss, Akin Gump)
Karen Engstrom	10/14/2019	INV	1.1	Update charts for Paul Weiss/Akin Gump
Edward McDonough	10/14/2019	INV	0.4	Analyze documents and data
Edward McDonough	10/14/2019	INV	0.2	Participate in teleconference regarding updated complaint with D. Giller (Paul Weis) and D. Chapman(Akin Gump)
Karen Engstrom	10/15/2019	INV	3.9	Update charts for Paul Weiss/Akin Gump
Rachel Mimms	10/15/2019	INV	0.5	Prepare historical analysis charts.
Karen Engstrom	10/21/2019	INV	1.5	Update charts for Paul Weiss/Akin Gump
Rachel Mimms	10/21/2019	INV	1.0	Prepare historical analysis charts.
Jonah Galaz	12/31/2019	Inv	2.5	Review and summarize incentive plans from FY12-FY15.
Karen Engstrom	1/2/2020	INV	3.8	Research inquiries from Akin Gump regarding complaint
Edward McDonough	1/2/2020	INV	0.5	Review Complaint and provide comments
Rachel Mimms	1/2/2020	INV	3.0	Review business plan documents and analysis.
Jonathan Bain	1/2/2020	INV	1.3	Prepare detailed diligence schedule on identified / go-gets, GAP initiatives for FY13 Plan
Jonathan Bain	1/2/2020	INV	1.1	Prepare detailed diligence schedule on identified / go-gets, GAP initiatives for FY14 Plan
Jonathan Bain	1/2/2020	INV	1.2	Prepare detailed diligence schedule on identified / go-gets, GAP initiatives for FY15 Plan
Jonathan Bain	1/2/2020	INV	0.8	Prepare reconciliation schedule on identified / go-gets, GAP initiatives for FY12 Plan
Jonathan Bain	1/2/2020	INV	0.5	Review dataroom for initiatives data
Jonathan Bain	1/2/2020	INV	0.4	Prepare correspondence to K. Engstrom (A&M), re: Plan Initiatives
Dennis Stogsdill	1/3/2020	INV	0.5	Review and quality control compiled information for counsel
Karen Engstrom	1/3/2020	INV	2.3	Research inquiries from Akin Gump regarding complaint
Edward McDonough	1/3/2020	INV	0.5	Continue to review complaint and provide comments
Rachel Mimms	1/3/2020	INV	0.5	Review business plan documents and analysis.
Jonathan Bain	1/3/2020	INV	0.8	Review plan initiative documents and coordinate review with team
Jonathan Bain	1/3/2020	INV	0.2	Assist A&M team with review of Akin Gump complaint
Jonathan Bain	1/3/2020	INV	0.5	Prepare correspondence to K. Engstrom (A&M), re: Plan Initiatives
Jonathan Bain	1/3/2020	INV	1.0	Update plan initiative package and incorporate new chart requests

Exhibit F

Summary of Expenses October 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020

Summary of Expenses
October 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020

Name	Amount
Airfare	\$ -
Hotel	-
Ground Transportation	-
Meals	-
Phone / Internet	5.06
Miscellaneous	33.40
Total	\$ 38.46

Exhibit G

Summary of Expense Detail by Professional October 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020

Name	Item / Description	Expense Type	Date	Amount
Dennis Stogsdill	Messenger	Miscellaneous	12/31/2018	33.40
Dennis Stogsdill	09/13/2019 - 10/12/2019 Wireless Usage Charges	Phone/Internet	10/12/2019	0.76
Jordan Kravette	09/13/2019 - 10/12/2019 Wireless Usage Charges	Phone/Internet	10/12/2019	1.61
Jonathan Bain	12/13/2019 - 01/12/2020 Wireless Usage Charges	Phone/Internet	1/12/2020	2.69
			\$	38.46